Air National Guard

Substance Abuse Awareness Prevention Training

Purpose of Training

- To promote mission readiness by ensuring a fit, ready and drug free elite force.
- To support the National Guard by enhancing unit awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol through education that encourages positive lifestyle behavioral changes.
- To inform members of substance Abuse policies, trends, issues and the Urinalysis Testing Program.
- To promote a drug free work place.

OVERVIEW

- POLICIES
- DEFINITIONS
- DRUGS OF ABUSE
- URINALYSIS TESTING PROGRAM
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE RISKS
- CLUB DRUGS
- SELF EVALUATION CHECK LIST

ANG/NGB

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICIES

ANG/NGB Policy

- Illegal or improper use of drugs is a serious breach of discipline and is not compatible with service in the Air Force and the Air National Guard.
- The National Guard will be a drug free organization.

PA-TAG Policy

- Members of the Pennsylvania military forces who are subject to the Pennsylvania Code of Military Justice will not use, possess, sell transfer or introduce into a military unit, base, station, post, armory, ship, vehicle or aircraft any psychoactive substances such as marijuana, dangerous drugs and narcotics.

PA TAG Policy Continued

- Violations of these prohibitions will be subject to disciplinary action (court-martial or non-judicial punishment).
- All personnel of the PAANG are subject to participation in the compulsory urinalysis program.
- Individuals identified as drug abusers will be separated from the PAANG.

111TH FW Policy

- Drug/Alcohol abuse is incompatible with 111th FW standards of conduct.
- The 111th FW supports a drug free Pennsylvania and a drug free America.
- The 111th FW supports the prevention of drug abuse among its members by identifying, disciplining, separating and prosecuting those who promote the abuse of drugs.

111TH FW Policy Continued

- The 111th FW drug abuse prevention and deterrent efforts include participation in the NGB and TAG urinalysis testing program.
- It is the responsibility of each 111th FW member to exercise mature and proper judgement when consuming alcohol. The use of alcohol is not an acceptable reason for failure to act responsibly or to meet the high standards of behavior and performance of the 111th FW.

MEO Drug Testing Program Responsibilities

- Substance Abuse interviews & waivers
- Alcohol Incidents
- Referrals only; no in-house counseling or treatment for drug identified drug abusers
- Education & prevention training for unit members
- Administration, oversight, & notification for urinalysis testing program
- Office of Primary Responsibility

Substance Abuse Definitions

- A drug is any chemical that brings about physical, emotional or mental changes.
- Substance abuse is the use of a chemical substance, legal or illegal, to the point of causing physical, mental or emotional harm to a person.

Substance Abuse Definitions Continued

- Alcoholism is a progressive disease in which the individual loses control over drinking and their drinking affects them biologically, psychologically or socially.
- Drug abuse is the use of all psychoactive substances such as marijuana, narcotics and other dangerous drugs. A positive result on the ANG urinalysis testing program is considered drug abuse.

Drugs of Abuse

- Marijuana/Hashish
- Cocaine (crack/Powder)
- Amphetamine and Methampethamine
- Opiates (Morphine, Codeine & Heroin)
- Barbituates (Seco, Pheno & Butubital)
- PCP
- LSD
- VALIUM
- GHB
- ROHYPNOL
- MDMA (Ecstacy)
- Ketamine (Special K)
- Mushrooms

Drugs of Abuse Continued

- Inhalants (Glue, Nitrous Oxide, Paint, etc.)
- Alcohol
- Steroids
- Hemp Oil/Seed
- Designer Drugs
- Prescription Drugs
- Over The Counter Drugs

Urinalysis Testing Program

Mission: Deter and detect the use of controlled and illegal drugs by military personnel through random urinalysis drug testing.

Urinalysis Testing Program Highlights

- Policy: AFI 44-120, DoD Directive 1010.1 and DoD Instruction 1010.16
- Compulsory Random Testing
- Command Directed Testing Authorized
- 2 - 2.5% ANG strength tested
- 16 drugs tested (7 routinely tested)
- AGR’s tested post TDY
- RUTA/BUTA/SUTA/ TDY/Excused members tested at next UTA
- Urine Testing Only

TESTING INITIATION

- TAGPA initiates PA ANG drug testing program
- Determines Percentages for Testing
- Maintains Unit Desire Listing of unit members
- Randomly Selects Members To Test
- Notifies Unit Commanders of monthly selection for urinalysis testing

MEMBER ORDERED TO TEST

- Unit Commander issues order to test
- Unit Commander provides squadron commanders with individual orders
- Squadron Commander and/or Designee provides member with testing order
- Member signs order acknowledging notification to test
- Squadron Commander sends order to MEO

MEMBER TESTS

- Member reports to Medical Squadron for testing at designated time
- Member provides MUTPM with military I.D. as proof of identity
- Member annotates urinalysis testing ledger, examines specimen bottle and reports any prescribed medication

Member Tests (continued)

- Member is escorted into collection area
- Member provides specimen while being observed
- Member provides MUTPM with specimen and observes it being sealed & stored
- Member, observer & MUTPM annotate urinalysis ledger
- MUTPM retains specimen & ships to AFDTL

SPECIMEN HANDLING

- MUTPM issues certification for each specimen collected
- Specimens are packed & shipped by MUTPM
- AFDTL conducts inventory shipment inspection
- Analysis conducted by AFDTL utilizing inital & confirmatory testing methods

Notification of Testing Results

- AFDTL notifies Unit Commander & MUTPM of all testing results
- Positives are reported within 24 hours of confirmation
- Unit Commander notifies Squadron Commander, Medical Squadron Commander, Judge Advocate & Member of a Positive specimen

Positive Urine Specimens

- A positive specimen is considered drug abuse
- Positive specimens result in medical review of member
- Positive specimens result in discharge proceedings and/or administrative hearings

Drug Testing Program Limitations

- Limited time and resources
- Short drug detection window
- Predictable testing patterns
- There should be few if any positive drug tests in the ANG, but the rate is 2 to 3 times higher than in active AF

Does drug testing deter use …..?

Not in every instance but it is a key component in our “Goal for A Totally Drug Free Air National Guard”